

EXHIBIT 4



**CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

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Signed December 21, 2021

Harry G. C. Jones
United States Bankruptcy Judge

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,¹

Reorganized Debtor.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P., JAMES
DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO AND THE
DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,

Defendants.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,

Plaintiff,

VS.

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-34054-sgj11

Adversary Proceeding No.

21-03005-sgj

Adversary Proceeding No.

21-03006-sgj

¹ The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT	§	
SERVICES, INC., JAMES DONDERO, NANCY	§	
DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY	§	
INVESTMENT TRUST,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	Adversary Proceeding No.
	§	
vs.	§	21-03007-sgj
	§	
HCRE PARTNERS, LLC (N/K/A NEXPOINT	§	
REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC), JAMES	§	
DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO, AND THE	§	
DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

**ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO EXTEND EXPERT DISCLOSURE
AND DISCOVERY DEADLINES**

This matter having come before the Court on the (a) *Motion of Defendant NexPoint Advisors, L.P. to Extend Expert Disclosures and Discovery Deadlines* [Adv. Proc. 21-3005, Docket No. 86] (the “NexPoint Motion”) filed by NexPoint Advisors, L.P. (“NexPoint”); (b) *Defendant Highland Capital Management Services, Inc.’s Motion to Extend Expert Disclosure and Discovery Deadlines* [Adv. Proc. 21-3006, Docket No. 91] (the “HCMS Motion”) filed by Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. (“HCMS”); and (c) *Defendant HCRE Partners, LLC’s Motion to Extend Expert Disclosure and Discovery Deadlines* [Adv. Proc. 21-3007, Docket No. 86] (the “HCRE Motion,” and collectively with the NexPoint Motion and the HCMS Motion, the “Motions”) filed by HCRE Partners, LLC (“HCRE,” and collectively with NexPoint and HCMS, “Defendants”); and this Court having considered (i) the Motions; (ii) *Highland’s Objection to Motion of Defendant NexPoint Advisors, L.P. to Extend Expert Disclosure and Discovery Deadlines* [Adv. Proc. 21-3005, Docket No. 104; Adv. Proc. 21-3006, Docket No. 109; Adv. Proc. 21-3007, Docket No. 104] (the “Objection”) filed by Highland Capital Management, L.P. (“Highland”); (iii) the (a) *Reply of*

Defendant NexPoint Advisors, L.P. in Support of Motion to Extend Expert Disclosure and Discovery Deadlines [Adv. Proc. 21-3005, Docket No. 115] (the “NexPoint Reply”) filed by NexPoint; and (b) *Highland Capital Management Services, Inc. and HCRE partners, LLC’s Reply in Support of Defendants’ Motion to Extend Expert Disclosure and Discovery Deadlines* [Adv. Proc. 21-3006, Docket No. 120, and Adv. Proc. 21-3007, Docket No. 115] (the “HCRE and HCMS Replies,” and together with the NexPoint Reply, the “Replies”) filed by HCRE and HCMS; and (iv) the arguments made during the hearing held on December 13, 2021 (the “Hearing”); and this Court having found that Defendants have not established “good cause” under Rule 16(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the relief requested in the Motions; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motions in this District is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court, and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, and for the reasons set forth during the Hearing on these Motions, **IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:**

1. The Motions are **DENIED**.
2. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

END OF ORDER